

# DR. HADLEY DIES CALMLY IN ELECTRIC CHAIR FOR KILLING WIFE

## BODY LIES UNCLAIMED IN MORGUE

Dies In Electric Chair  
In Richmond For  
Killing Wife



DR. WILMER A. HADLEY.

Physician Enjoys Good Night's Sleep and Is Unmoved As Death Nears.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 9.—Approaching to be at spiritual ease, Dr. Wilmer A. Hadley, confessed slayer of his wife, Mrs. Sue Tinsley Hadley, met death in the electric chair at the Virginia penitentiary here at 8:07 o'clock this morning.

Advised With Hadley All Night. Hadley's spiritual adviser, Judge J. Hoag Ricks, who had been with the condemned man throughout the night, awaited in the superintendent's office for the official pronouncement of death. Opposed to capital punishment, Judge Ricks did not witness the execution.

Though no intimation had come from Governor Davis that he would order a stay of execution, Hadley remained hopeful until a few hours before his death, when he appeared resigned to his fate.

Judge Ricks was in conference with the governor for a short time yesterday, presenting additional letters of clemency, but he is reported as having received no encouragement from the executive.

The uneasiness which appeared to have overcome Hadley during the latter days of his confinement seemed to have disappeared as the final hour approached, and he remained enveloped as he walked to his death this morning. His sleep last night was reported by prison guards as having been sound and undisturbed.

Dr. Hadley was meted quick legal

disappearance of Mrs. Hadley and subsequent disappearance of her husband was recalled and a search begun for the latter.

Upon cross-examination in Denver, Hadley is said to have implicated a former companion doctor at West Hampton debarcation hospital, three miles from Richmond—Dr. Jesse A. Griffin. Griffin, then in California, denied Hadley's allegations and said he had once been associated with Hadley in Colorado, but that he had soon broken his association because he thought Hadley "unethical."

Mrs. Hadley, formerly of Cincinnati, became the bride of Hadley following a meeting in Galveston, Tex., where she was engaged in teaching music.

At that time Dr. Hadley was located in Friendswood, Tex., a Quaker settlement.

The body of Dr. Hadley remained unclaimed by relatives this morning, but it was expected they would not allow the remains to become the property of the State through failure to arrange for burial. Under Virginia laws the unclaimed body of an executed man is turned over to the State anatomical board for experimental work.

Hadley was a major in the medical corps during the great war.

**WHO'S WHO IN THE HOO-HOO CLUB IS ESTABLISHED.**

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 9.—Who's who in the Hoo-Hoo Club of Atlanta has been established, according to records of the order recently made public. The club is an organization of lumber dealers.

J. Frank Cates was awarded a pearl-handled knife as being the tallest and ugliest member. A fine was imposed on Hoo-Hoo Milton Klein, the club's president, for leaving the chair and talking too much. The assessment was \$4.25.

W. J. Fraser, R. A. Burnett, W. B. Williamson, Jr., B. A. Cress and R. C. Morrison were elected members of the board of directors.

H. J. West, of the West Lumber Company, recently elected scrivener of the National Order of Hoo-Hoo in California, automatically becoming a member of the Supreme Nine, urged everyone to become active in Hoo-Hoo work in this section.

R. A. Burnett suggested the club buy a tract of land close to Atlanta build a club house and raise cats and kittens for sale to the national membership.

## JAP DEMAND TO KEEP PACIFIC BASES UNFORTIFIED IS VICIOUS

By PHILIP FRANCIS.

There are many ramifications of the cunning foreign diplomacy now busy here at Washington.

But they all burrow underground in one direction, and with one object, which is to cripple our offensive and defensive sea power and the struggle for merchant marine and our competition in the world markets.

The first thing to be done is to minimize our naval strength. Under the false pretense of a new-born love for humanity, and for America in particular, our people are to be persuaded that a powerful American navy is an unnecessary expense and an obstacle to permanent peace.

The sensible doctrine that we ought to keep on our two ocean fronts two fleets, each equal to any foreign fleet in either ocean, is viewed with pretended horror by our British and Japanese "friends."

More particularly are the British horrified at such a suggestion, though the maintenance of a British navy equal to the navies of any other two powers has been the proclaimed policy of England for generations, and was never abandoned until the amazing increase of our national wealth and our suddenly awakened interest in our own sea-rights and sea commerce stimulated us to the construction of warships which England was no longer rich enough to equal, let alone surpass.

**Coalition Ignorance.**

The coalition which destroyed Germany was secretly financed and secretly assured of England's active support, because German naval competition was seriously threatening England's ability to maintain her two-power naval standard. And the irony of fate decreed that in luring America into her war upon Germany's naval and merchant marine competition, England should raise up another naval and merchant marine competitor twice as formidable as Germany and absolutely beyond England's financial power to meet on equal terms.

How to reduce this new-found naval and commercial strength of America is the problem which English diplomacy has to solve—if it can. And every move that English diplomacy makes at Washington is part of the effort to solve that problem to the disadvantage of America's injury.

This is the key to the proposal to limit our Atlantic and Pacific navies each to one-half the strength of England's Atlantic navy, under the specious false pretense of actual equality of naval power.

This is the key to the proposal that we join in abolishing seagoing submarines, under the specious false pretense that it is more humane to sink ships and crews with torpedoes than it is to starve women and children by hunger blockade or to bomb crowded cities with explosives and poison gas from the skies.

**Key to Proposal.** This is the key to the proposal, to which President Harding has fallen a victim, that we repeal the laws preparing preferential rates and tonnage taxes for cargoes carried in American ships, under the specious pretense that this is unfriendly discrimination against the subsidized merchant marines of England and Japan.

This is the key to the insolent and vicious demand that we leave our outposts and naval bases in the Pacific unfortified and defenseless, on the false pretense that such necessary precautions would be a menace to Japan.

I use the words "insolent and vicious demand" deliberately and with all possible emphasis. The demand is insolent. The demand is vicious.

The strength of a navy in war is not a matter of number of ships or weight of fire. It is wholly a matter of what number of ships and what weight of fire can be applied at the points of contact.

Measured by this supreme test our navy would be hopelessly outclassed in the far Pacific waters, where it would have to seek the Japanese fleet, because it could not possibly voyage to and cruise in those waters without any base of supplies or repairs nearer than the Hawaiian Islands, 4,767 miles away.

**Plan Is Well Known.**

The Japanese strategic plan is well known. It is openly taught in their officers' military school. It is to suddenly descend upon and capture the Philippines, Guam, and the Aleutian Island chain, and then await the American attack, six thousand miles from the American coast, and nearly 5,000 miles from the only fortified American base.

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The Japanese reckon, with perfect logic, that we could not endure the humiliation of having these territories seized by force without an attempt to retake them by force, and they also reckon, with equally sound logic, that if our fleet has no nearer naval base than Hawaii, 5,000 miles away, their fleet will outlast ours at the actual point of contact, and probably defeat it.

Now, since even a landman, if he has any mental eyes at all, can see that this would be the disastrous position of our fleet in case we do not fortify our Pacific naval bases, the Japanese demand that we do not fortify those bases is both insolent and vicious.

How any responsible American official can debate such a demand, or even admitting to it, pass comprehension.

But that is exactly what our so-called statesmen are debating in this Conference, and there is some reason to believe they will agree to the American people to do it, so far as it lies in their little brief authority to pledge the American people to anything at all.

## REFORM BUREAU PLANS VOTE ON PARLEY ISSUES

Advisory Council to Comply With Request of William Bryce Thompson.

By International News Service.

Complying with the request of William Bryce Thompson, of the American advisory council of the armament conference, for an expression of public opinion on various questions now being discussed, the delegates to the annual meeting of the International Reform Bureau will take a "straw vote" this afternoon on disarmament, Far East problems and world finance.

The ballot prepared for the referendum includes the following questions: (1) Should arms conference outlaw such weapons as poison gas, submarines and bombing planes? (2) Should fortification of Pacific islands cease? (3) Should China's geographical integrity be restored and guaranteed with "open door" for all nations to help in her development on equal terms, and abolishment of foreign postoffices, foreign tariffs, foreign courts, secret treaties and spheres of influence? (4) Are you for an "association of nations," including Germany and Russia to meet as a "parliament of man, the federation of the world" at least annually? (5) Are you for action by arms conference and concurrent legislation by Congress to prevent export of American morphine and cocaine to China? (6) Do you favor another international conference soon, made up of great financiers and statesmen to adjust the world's finances?

The meeting of the bureau opened today with short addresses by Senator Sterling of South Dakota and Congressman Upshaw, Hersey and Smith.

Senator Myers of Montana will speak tonight on "Proposed Federal Investigation of Political and Trust Activities of Motion Picture Interests."

## U. S. IS REVEALED AS SUPPLY BASE FOR NARCOTICS

Loophole in Harrison Act Permits Traffic in Drugs on Large Scale.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Through a loophole in the Federal anti-traffic statute vast quantities of opium, morphine and heroin are distributed throughout this country and illicitly disposed of to addicts.

The loophole in the law permits the exportation of opium and its derivatives from America without restriction or regulation. Rigid regulations govern the sale of the drug domestically, but no check or trace of exports is made.

As a result huge stores of opium, morphine and heroin are purchased regularly in the United States, shipped to Mexico, Canada or abroad unrestricted and then smuggled back to this country for sale at great profit. Some citizens of Japan and Germany are among those most active in this business, according to the police.

Justice Cornelius F. Collins, chairman of the judiciary committee on narcotics of this State, described the situation thus:

"To get opium legitimately in this country you have to be registered and entitled to purchase it, and you have to give a formal order. But anybody from a foreign country can purchase it without any restriction."

"Why are Detroit and Buffalo such large drug-distributing centers? Why is the situation so serious in Florida, St. Louis and Texas? Simply because smuggling is so largely indulged in there, due to the loophole law, which practically deprives the police of an opportunity to follow it up in those cities. Could we trace those who buy from the outside, as well as those who buy from the inside of this country, we would be in a far better position to handle the situation."

Dr. Carleton Simon said that the narcotic division of the police department recently seized a trunk in South Brooklyn filled with drugs, which had been smuggled from Germany, to Switzerland, to Italy, to Spain, to South America and thence to this port.

## POLICE WARY OF CONFESSION IN TORSO SLAYING

Los Angeles Man's Admission He Killed "Pool" Victim Doubted in New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—"I strangled Leona to death on the night of August 11. I strangled her with a necktie in an automobile that stood on Fourteenth street, between Eighth and Ninth avenues. An ex-convict, known as Fred T. James, alias F. T. Knave, was with me."

"We drove to Long Island City and dumped the body in a pool."

This supplemental "confession" was made yesterday in Los Angeles by George Christman, awaiting sentence in the California city for a violation of a State motor vehicle law. Christman asserted that the torso of a woman found on October 22, last, in a pond on Queen's boulevard, Long Island City, was that of Leona Mayfield, twenty-five, of New York city.

Preliminary investigation of Christman's story by the authorities of New York and Los Angeles convinced both of the improbability of the yarn. However, Capt. Arthur Carey, of the local homicide bureau, wired a list of questions to be asked the Los Angeles prisoner.

The belief was expressed yesterday at police headquarters that Christman's "confession" was dictated by a desire to return East without paying railroad fare. Other developments increased the depth of the skepticism.

## IRELAND LIKELY TO JOIN LEAGUE, ASSERTS HARRIS

London Daily News Correspondent Points Out Advantages of Alliance to New State.

By H. WILSON HARRIS, Diplomatic Correspondent of the London Daily News.

(Copyright, 1921, by the International News Service.) Will the Irish Free State join the League of Nations? There is little doubt that the answer is "Yes," for by applying for and obtaining membership in the league, far more than by the mere signing of a paper treaty, Ireland will demonstrate to the world her independent action. If anything could emphasize that it would be the opportunity she would enjoy, as a member of the league assembly, of speaking and voting against Great Britain.

While it need not be assumed that the two countries would always be at cross-purposes within the league, of detectives at work on the torso mystery.

In the first place, Christman declared Leona Mayfield's disappearance from her home in New York had been reported to the bureau of missing persons. Search of the bureau records proved unavailing.

The detectives pointed also to the improbability of a murder being committed without instant detection on so populous a thoroughfare as Fourteenth street at any hour of the day or night.

at any rate it will hardly be suggested that Ireland's admission would further strengthen the British empire bloc. In practice that bloc is often divided enough as it is, and Ireland's advent would certainly divide it more.

However soon the Irish Free State applies for membership to the league, her application cannot be considered till the assembly meets next September. She will then have to be elected by a two-thirds' majority, which there will not be the small difficulty in obtaining after having satisfied the assembly that her armaments are not in excess of her needs. Here again no difficulty need be looked for, for it is already clear that Ireland has no intention of withdrawing her youth from productive work to build up an unnecessary army.

In one respect in particular league membership would be of the greatest value to Ireland, for it would secure her absolutely against any possible military pressure by Great Britain in the future. There is not much prospect of such pressure being exerted, but Ireland may quite well fear that, and it might in certain circumstances prove a solid safeguard to her to be able, in the event of any threat, to call on the league council to intervene and examine the rights and wrongs of the case.

If Ulster should elect to remain part of Great Britain instead of joining the new free State the danger of friction would be increased, and the value to Ireland of having the league behind her proportionately greater.

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